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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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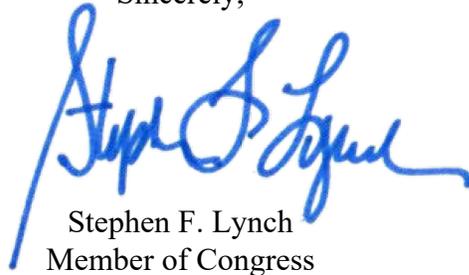
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting Community Project Funding for the redevelopment of the Mary Ellen McCormack Community in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Boston Housing Authority located at 52 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111. The funding would be used to support the phased redevelopment of the 31-acre Mary Ellen McCormack Community into a mixed-use, mixed-income community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Mary Ellen McCormack Community faces an unemployment rate nearly 14 times higher than the rate in Boston as whole, and a poverty rate three times the City average. The project aims meet the needs of the community and the South Boston region by providing 586 housing units, 330 of which are deeply affordable, and the balance are middle-income and market rate while creating more than 7,000 construction jobs and more than 100 permanent jobs in property management, retail offerings and community services. Furthermore, because the community is susceptible to current and future flooding from nearby Boston Harbor, construction work will raise the grades of the property by 5 to 7 feet, all new buildings will be constructed above the 2070 projected flooding scenario, and climate resiliency measures will be implemented throughout the redevelopment such as rain gardens, berms, and increased green space. Finally, by improving connectivity to the surrounding region through a revamped street grid, new utilities and parks, and long-term climate resiliency measures, the economic mobility, health outcomes, and sense of community will be improved for all current and future residents of Boston's oldest and second-largest public housing development.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen F. Lynch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen F. Lynch  
Member of Congress